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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510-2303

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RE:

92-235

To Whom It May Concern:

The attached correspondence is forwarded  
for your consideration. I have informed the  
writer(s) that I have brought these views to  
your attention. However, no response is nec-  
essary

Yours truly

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Paul Wellstone

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The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C., 20510

2/14/93  
700 S. Hampton  
Fairmont, Mn. 56031

Dear Senator Wellstone:

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled (R/C) model airplanes. I personally own 4 radios, 7 models, and a workshop full of accessories necessary to operate these airplanes.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the flexibility of

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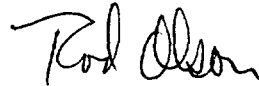
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I have been involved in this hobby for four years, a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, and belong to a local club. Our club strictly enforces the safety code of the AMA because we are concerned for the safety of our members and spectators. We are also deeply concerned about the rising cost of liability insurance. By making the hobby more dangerous, the costs are sure to rise.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Olson".

Rod Olson  
Vice-president  
Elm Creek Flyers

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Dear Senator Wellstone:

I and hundreds of thousands of young and old enjoy the hobby of building and flying radio controlled model airplanes.

Our equipment today due to frequency allocation for our radio equipment, which has been updated during the past few years, works extremely well even though we've been able to share the band with land mobile units.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. We are told that if PR Docket 92-235 is adopted, 62% of our frequencies will be lost as it will become too risky and dangerous to fly on these frequencies.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by NOT allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band on PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

*Gerald Durrell*  
8001 - UPTON AVE S.  
BLOOMINGTON 55431

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Sincerely,

*Arthur Y. Fleming*

LTC USAF RET

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Sincerely,



HAROLD L. HOCKETT  
8700 VIRGINIA AVE. SO  
BLOOMINGTON, MN. 55438  
PH. (612) 941-3314



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*Revin Kaufman*  
11170 Windrow Dr.  
Eden Prairie, Mn 55344

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10637 VESSEY RD  
BLOOMINGTON, MN  
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*Dennis W Decker*  
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2309 W 106TH ST  
Bloomington MN  
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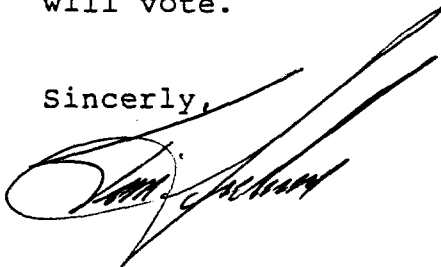
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Kim Anderson  
7560 SUSAN LAKE  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Wellstone:

I feel frustrated having to write this letter and request that you get involved with this. The FCC is proposing some frequency change that impact the Radio Control Hobby in such great proportions that it surprises me it's even happening. **The change involves NPRM PR Docket 92-235.**

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I build and fly Radio Control Model airplanes for a hobby and am active in a local club here in Minnesota. The club has over 250 members. We fly in accordance with the American Modelers Association (AMA) rules in regard to safety, etc. The hobby offers so many people, young and old, many hours of flying fun not counting the countless number of people enjoying radio controlled cars and boats.

I am told that the FCC change would reduce our present 50 frequencies to 19 causing congestion on a limited number of channels but also costing us countless dollars we have invested in our present equipment. Our equipment is expensive and the industry has evolved and matured to the point that we fly with the present 50 frequencies in a safe environment.

Our frequency band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in the band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby with many others and **not** allow the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



Gene Leclerc  
9042 16th Ave So.  
Bloomington, MN 55425

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123 HART OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20510

DEAR SENATOR PAUL WELLSTONE,

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gruenes  
17666 County RD 43  
RICHMOND MT 56368

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1075 Miller Street  
Shakopee, Minnesota 55379  
February 15, 1993

The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sir:

The Federal Communications Commission is considering adopting PR Docket 92-235 which would put several new channels into the narrow frequency band now used for model airplanes, cars and boats. Up to this time our hobby has had 50 channels for aircraft in the 72 MHz band. These channels are separated by 10 KHz. The new proposals would place land mobile dispatch use channels 2.5 KHz away from our channels. The mobile units are many, many times more powerful than the small battery operated units we use, and even if those units were tuned perfectly, their signal would swamp ours, causing a loss of control to our planes and an inevitable crash.

Our industry, under the leadership of our national association, the Academy of Model Aeronautics worked closely with the FCC in the late '80's to develop frequency



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Allan D. Boucher  
2018 Lancaster Street  
Winnetonka, MN 55305

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The Honorable Paul Wellstone  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a flyer sent to me by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. I too am concerned about the infringement a frequency change would make. I have highlighted the most important parts on the flyer.

A great deal of time was expended setting up the current frequencies for the exclusive use by the modeling fraternity. Thousands of people have now purchased equipment that operates on these frequencies. If commercial equipment is allowed within these frequencies, two things would happen quickly. First, the commercial equipment would interfere with our equipment. We would be forced to change our equipment. Would that be right? Second, our equipment flying in the air would be in jeopardy. Would you like to be flying your model and

# **Urgent Frequency Alert!**

**(Responses needed before February 26, 1993)**

**To all users of model frequencies in both the 72 and 75 MHz bands.**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, will have a profound effect on model frequency use. Developed by the FCC Land Mobile Service, it creates a massive frequency restructuring—the first of its type in 60 years.

The 419 page document addresses frequency use in another service (Part 88) but will also affect Part 95 where our RC frequency use lives. Without becoming too technical, the restructuring inserts two new frequencies between those presently assigned for modeling use and commercial users. That means we could have a transmitter almost four times the power output of ours, only 2.5 kHz away from a large number of our 72 and 75 MHz frequencies.

In the 72 MHz band, thirty-one of our frequencies would be bracketed, principally in the lower end of the band (below channel 42). A similar condition would exist in the 75 MHz band. Two examples of the frequency placing would look like the following:

*62% of our frequencies gone.*

<b>Model Channel 14</b>	<b>72.070 MHz</b>
New insert	72.0725 MHz
New insert	72.0775 MHz

<b>Present Commercial</b>	<b>72.080 MHz</b>
New insert	72.0825 MHz
New insert	72.0875 MHz

<b>Model Channel 15</b>	<b>72.090 MHz</b>
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**OR**

<b>Model Channel 62</b>	<b>75.430 MHz</b>
New insert	75.4325 MHz
New insert	75.4375 MHz

<b>Present Commercial</b>	<b>75.440 MHz</b>
New insert	75.4425 MHz
New insert	75.4475 MHz

<b>Model Channel 63</b>	<b>75.450 MHz</b>
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Not only are these new frequencies very close to ours, they are also designated as "mobile", therefore we would never know where they are operating, including right in the pit area at your field or on the street and highway nearby. In addition, the technical specifications for the new equipment allows a legal frequency tolerance which could place their signal directly on ours!

## **What can be done to address this situation?**

The Academy, with full industry support, will pursue all avenues available through the legal counsel they retain to represent modelers before the FCC. The first step in that process is the filing of formal comments prior to February 26, 1993. Other steps will follow.

We have been strongly urged to use "every arrow in our quiver" to address this proposal. You and your club members are very important arrows that can help us make our point!

You are being asked to write *NOW* to those persons and agencies in the federal government that *represent you!*

**To a Senator:**  
The Honorable (name)  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**To the FCC:**  
FCC  
1919 M St, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

**To a Representative:**  
The Honorable (name)  
U. S. House of Reps.  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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(For the name of your Senator or Representative, contact the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.)

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**In writing your letters it is important to do the following:**

1. **Include the identification of the proposed rule making:** PR Docket 92-235
2. **Personalize your concerns:**  
"I am retired and derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled models."  
"I am an active competitor in local, national, and international events."  
"As a student, I learn valuable lessons from building and operating models."  
"I am active in our local club."
3. **Indicate your financial involvement:**  
"I own \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of radio equipment that would be unusable if this frequency assignment is adopted."  
"My hobby shop business involves \_\_\_\_\_% radio control sales."
4. **Strongly stress the safety and liability aspect created by the proposal!**  
"The models I build weigh as much as \_\_\_\_\_ pounds and operate at \_\_\_\_\_ m.p.h."  
"Our club operates at a public park."  
"Since the proposed new frequencies are so close, interference will occur and render most model frequencies unusable."

## **Some other points to consider.**

1. **The best approach** is a personal letter, written by you, to the government official(s) involved.
2. **The second level** of effectiveness is a signed form letter.
3. **The least effective** communication is a petition simply signed by individuals. (This approach is not recommended)
4. **Many persons derive enjoyment** from our hobby/sport, not only those who actually build and operate models. Ask them to write as well, to indicate their concern!
5. **The most important fact** to remember is to act now! The February 26th date is soon upon us! Write NOW!
6. **Contact the Technical Department** at AMA Headquarters for additional information - (703) 435-0750, ext. 264.

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702 Senate Hart Office Building  
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Dear Senator Wellstone:

I have been interested in aviation for many years. As a child I began by building model airplanes. After high school I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force but was unable to realize my dream of being a pilot. I continued my model building hobby and finally about two years ago I got started in building and flying radio controlled model aircraft. I am an active member of a local model club with approximately 100 members that enjoy our sport very much.

I am concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and more than likely increase the risk of accidents when flying models due to the likelihood that additional frequencies in the model band will increase interference with model operations.

I have invested several thousands of dollars in this sport and so have most of our club members. We just recently, about 2 years ago, incurred the expense of switching from wide band receivers to narrow band due to the increase of the number of frequencies

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702 Hart Bldg.  
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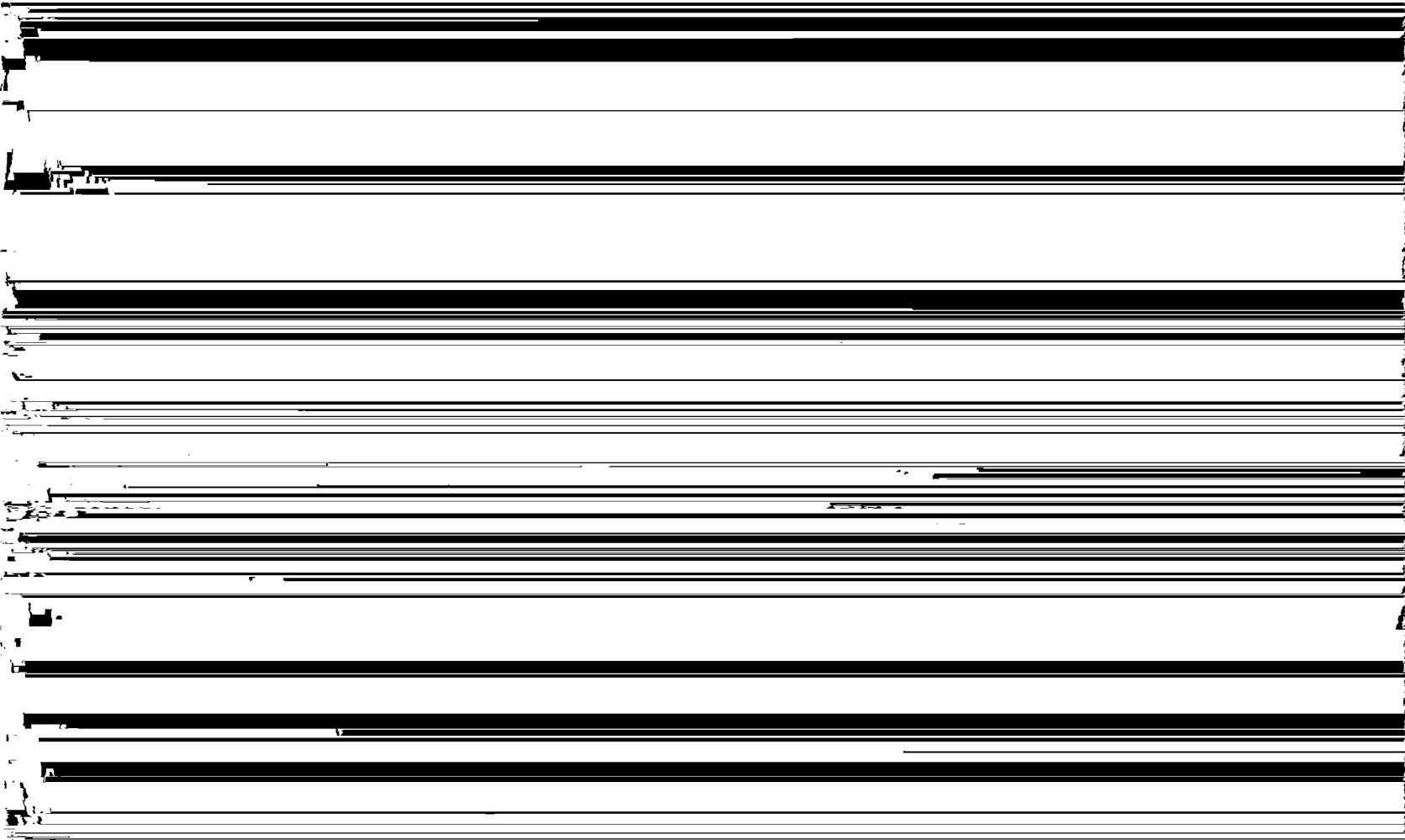
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Dear Senator Wellstone

My hobby is constructing and operating Radio Controlled Model Airplanes. I derive many hours of enjoyment with our local club, Minnesota Valley R.C., in Shakopee, Minnesota.

My concern is the proposed rule changes that are currently under consideration by the FCC. The proceeding is PR DOCKET 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usable frequencies for model planes, and greatly increase the risk of accidents.

Our present flying field is about 1/2 mile from Valley Fair and highway 101. Models have up to 10 foot wing spans, and weighing up to 30 pounds. Pylon planes reach speeds of 170 miles per hour. The models are expensive to build; but more important, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control.

Since the proposed new frequencies are so close interference



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Dear Senator Wellstone:

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I'm writing to oppose the addition of several  
frequencies in the 72-76 MHz band for land mobile  
use. As an operator and builder of radio-  
controlled <sup>(rc)</sup> model aircraft, I could effectively lose  
the use of over half the frequencies now available